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A Prophecy of an Old Prophet, concerning Kings, 8
and Judges, and Rulers,
and of the Magistrates of
Edinburgh, and also of the
downfal of *Babylon*, which
is *Locusts*, who is King of
the bottomless Pit.

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NOW saith the Spirit, *Be wise*
NOW O ye Kings: Observe
the Word NOW; it is *now*
and not Yesterday, nor to
Morrow; it is *now* be ye
instructed ye Judges of
the Earth. And as *Gamaliel* said by
the Spirit, so I say to you, refrain from
these Men that have gone from *Edinburgh*
to *London*, to be judged for the Death of
Captain *Porteous*; *Gamaliel* said, ye Men
of Israel, *but it is now said*, ye Members
of Parliament; so hear what that great
Doctor of Law says to you, the Scrip-
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tures must he read so as to believe that God is speaking to us in particular, and not to another; except we apply them to our selves we will never be the better of them; Take heed, says he, to your selves, what ye intend to do as touching these Men, let them alone, for if this Counsel, and all this Work about *Porteous* be of Men it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God: And to him they agreed, altho' these Judges had as much Envy and Malice in their Hearts against the Apostles, as *Illa* hath against them who had a Hand in *Porteous's* Death: He envys me also, and he abused me to my Face, because my Judgment and his doth not jump, this I say if any mans Life go for *Porteous's* Life, there Life shall go for it because they fight against God.

I say, If that Man had been let go free, the King himself would have been in Danger of his Life; so says the Spirit to *Ahab* the King, *Because thou hast let go out of thy Hand a Man whom I appointed to utter Destruction, therefore shall thy Life go for his Life.* The Scriptures still stand in Force to the End of the World. If they had been written only for them who then lived in it, they would

have been for little Use to us. The Scriptures were written for the Living, and not for the Dead.

I say, all Men who are in their right Wits, may clearly see, that it was of God that he was hanged on that Lister's Tree, and not of Man.

O Lord God Almighty, bless and preserve the King and the Queen, and all the Royal Family. Amen.

Reader, ye hear that all the Devils of Hell have not Power to hinder me from praying for the King *for nothing*, but he hath got so much Power over the hired Clergy, that he hinders them to pray for the King, except they get Money for it, so the King may thank me, and not them. Our Lord puts a Question to these hired Clergy, and says to them, *If ye do good to them which do good to you, what Thanks have ye, for Sinners also do the same.* Ye hear in this Scripture, That all these hired Clergy are Sinners with a Witness, because they take so much Money for preaching Christ's Gospel.

*As the Grace of God is free,
So should his Gospel be.*

Let me see the Difference that is between

tween these hired Clergy and *Demas*, who forsook Christ for the World, or *Simon* the Sorcerer, who thought to get Grace for his Money; so I say to them as *Peter* said to him, *their Money perish with them*, who will not preach the Gospel of God freely. So says our Lord to them, *As ye have received freely so freely give*; but these Hirelings will have none of his Counsel, but set at nought all his Counsel, and would have none of his Reproof, says the Spirit; so he says to them, I also will laugh at your Calamity, and mock when your Fear cometh. What Service will all their Money do them on that Day?

I proved in my last Epistle, that all the hired Clergy are the Whore of *Babylon* with a Witness, but she will fall, and shall fall; but she must stand until God's Decrees come to pass; so says the Spirit, God hath put it in their Hearts to fulfil his Will, and to agree and give their Kingdom to the Beast, until the Word of God shall be fulfilled.

Both Kings, and Judges, and Rulers, now stand up for the Defence of *Babylon*, so says the Spirit, *The Kings of the Earth*
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set themselves, and the Rulers take Counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Anointed saying, Let us break their Bands asunder and cast away their Cords from us. This Scripture make it plain, that it is a Burden to these hired Clergy, to be tied or bound to obey Christ, without they get Money for it, so they will not preach his Gospel freely. I shall give you the Reason why *Babylon* stands, 'tis because both Kings, and Judges, and Rulers, and Clergy, have all one Mind, says the Spirit, and so long as they have all one Mind, it is impossible for *Babylon* to fall, because the Kings and Rulers give her so much Money to maintain her, and uphold her to stand. If I had Power, I would cut her Legs, than *Babylon* would fall to the Ground, then that mighty strong Cry, shall be heard, *Babylon is fallen, is fallen.* I was sent to the World on Purpose, to sound all these Trumpets, these 27 Years against her, So he that hath an Ear to here let him here, what the Spirit saith to the Churches, surely the Lord God would do nothing but he revileth, his Secret unto his Servants the Prophets.

God hath chosen the foolish things of the World, to confound the wise, God hath
chosen

chosen the weak things of the World to confound the things that are mighty, and base things of the World, and things that are despised, hath God chosen, that no Flesh should glory in his presence; where is the Wise, where is the Scribe, where is the Disputer in this World, hath not God made foolish the Wisdom of the World. Which is made plain, in Kings, and Rulers, and Judges, by their setting up such Ministers in Kirks, that the mighty God calls Thives and Robbers, and the Spirit calls them Ignorant dum Doggs, and greedy Doggs, which can never have enough, they not only Robe men, but they Robe God also, so says the Spirit of them, Ye are cursed with a Curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole Nation. These hired Clergy is made Rich, by their Robbery, so says the Spirit of them, The Woman was arrayed in Purple, and Scarlet, and decked with Gold, with a Golden Cupe in her Hand.

As I live, within a short Time her Nakedness shall be discovered, then we shall see her Shame, when we shall see her wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. These hired Beasts, or Whore, have great Power now, over all Kindreds, and Tongues, and Nations, and all that dwell upon the Earth worship the Beast, which is the hired Clergy, saying, Who is like unto the Beast, who is able to make War with him;

him; the Kings themselves are not able to make War against the hired Clergy, which they know by Experience; because all the World wonder after the Beast. These scriptures make it plain, that the hired Clergy is had in more Respect than Kings themselves, and the Kings know this, and know also, that it is better to cast out with the Devil than cast out with them.

So says the Spirit of these hired Clergy, they exalt themselves above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, because they sit in the Temple of God, which is their Kits. Ye hear in this Scripture, that these hired Clergy have as much Pride as the Devil; they exalt themselves not only above the Kings, but they compare themselves to God. Ye may say, what is the Reason of all this Pride in these Hirelings, for they are but hired Servants? I shall give you a Scripture Reason for it, but is impossible for these hired Clergy to understand it, for the Mystery of Iniquity doth already work, only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the Way, and then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his Mouth, and shall destroy with the Brightness of his coming: Even him who's coming is after the working of Satan, with all Power and Signs, and lying Wonders, and with all Deceivableness of Unrighteousness in them that perish, because they receive not the Love of the Truth, that they might be saved; and for this Cause, God shall send them strong Delusions, that they should believe a Lie, that they all may be damned, who believe not the Truth. Ye hear, in this Scripture, that God hath sent all these Judgments upon the hired Clergy, because they have not received the Love of the Truth, because of the Love of Money. These hired Clergy hold Christ as a Liar or a Mocker, altho he hath made the Truth to them as plain as A, B, C. They love Money better than the Truth; their Practice makes it plain, that it was the Devil who gave them their Commission to preach, otherways they would love the Truth, and not hate the Truth. Freely ye have received, freely give; provide neither Gold, nor Silver, nor Brass, saith Christ. What can be more plain, yet these hired Clergy will believe the Devil before they believe God.

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This I say, and will go to Death with it, That if these rich fat Ministers be the Ministers of Christ, St. *Peter*, and St. *John*, and St. *Paul*, have been the Ministers of the Devil. *Peter* and *John* had not an Half-peny to give a poor Man; *Paul* was both hungry and naked; and our great Lord had not an Half-peny to pay his Custom until he got it from a Fish.

Reader, I must give you a Caution, If these Hirelings can answer any of my Books or Epistles, then ye may go with Freedom to their Kirks, and hear them; but if they cannot, the God of this World hath blindfolded you, so that ye cannot see to come out of *Babylon*, altho ye be commanded by the Spirit, so he says, come out of her my People, that ye be not Partakers of her Sins, and that ye receive not of her Plagues, for her Sins have now reached unto Heaven, and God hath now remembered her Iniquities.

The Scriptures in this Prophecy are enough to fear any Man from going to hear any Minister that doth not keep God's Word: I have proven in many of my Books and Epistles, that these hired Clergy doth it not: If they can prove they do, I shall be content to burn a Horse Load of my Books, of more than Forty several Sorts. I have been writing Books, now and then, these Twenty Seven Years, against *Babylon*, but it is not in my Power to bring one Man out of her, till God's Decrees come to pass. I could not sleep in my Bed before I wrote this: I was made to arise in the Night to write it. If these Clergy cannot prove it was the Devil that hindred me from Sleep, it will be a sad Prophecy to them. O that these hired Clergy were capable to answer my Books, or these Twenty two Epistles, from the Scriptures; for all the Power the Devil hath given them, he hath not given them that Power. I think they may be ashamed to mount a Pulpit, when they cannot answer a poor unlearned Tincard. In God's Assembly God doth stand, and in the Devil's Assembly the Devil doth stand, so let them all assemble together in *May* first, and lay all their Wits together, I brag them all to answer me.

If the King and Clergy gar hang me for writing this, I'm content, for cause it is long since any Man was hanged for Religion.

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